

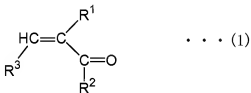
**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0023] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0023] (8) The propylene-polypropylene described in (7) above is obtained by removing a by-produced crystalline polypropylene.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0026] bridging pages 5/6 with the following amended paragraph:**

[0026] (11) The polypropylene is treated with a modifying agent represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein  $\text{R}^1$  represents a hydrogen atom, or an alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms;  $\text{R}^2$  represents an  $\text{OR}^4$  group [ $\text{R}^4$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms, which may have a halogen group, an aromatic group which may have an alkyl group, a  $-(\text{CH}_2)_a-\text{O}-\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{OR}^1)_2$  group, a  $-(\text{CH}_2)_a-\text{O}-\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{O}^+)(\text{O}^--(\text{CH}_2)_b-\text{N}^+\text{R}^1_3)$  group, wherein  $a$  and  $b$  are respectively integers of 1-5, an alkali metal selected from the group consisting of Li, Na ~~or~~ and K, an alicyclic hydrocarbon group having 5-10 carbon atoms, a glycidyl group, an  $-\text{R}^5-\text{COCOR}^1=\text{CH}_2$  group, wherein  $\text{R}^5$  represents an alkylene group having 1-10 carbon atoms or a  $-(\text{CH}_2)_q-\text{O}-$ ],  $r$  group, wherein  $q$  and  $r$  are respectively integers of 1-5, an  $-\text{R}^5\text{OR}^1$  group, an  $-\text{R}^5\text{Si}(\text{OR}^1)_3$  group, or an  $-\text{R}^5-\text{NCO}$  group], an  $-\text{NR}^1_2$  group, an  $-\text{R}^5-\text{NR}^1_2$  group, or a halogen group selected from the group consisting of Cl, Br, F and I; and  $\text{R}^3$  represents a hydrogen atom, or a  $-\text{COR}^2$  group, and/or a modifying agent represented by the following general formula (2):



wherein  $\text{R}^6$  represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms, or a halogen group selected from the group consisting of Cl, Br, F and I;  $\text{R}^7$  represents an -Ar-X' group ( $\text{X}'$  represents an  $\text{R}^6$  group, an -OH group, a -COOH group, an -NH<sub>2</sub> group, a -CN group, an -NO<sub>2</sub> group, a halogenated alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms, a -CH=CH<sub>2</sub> group, or an -OCO- $\text{R}^6$  group), an -OCO- $\text{R}^6$  group, a -CHO group, a -COR<sup>6</sup> group, a -CN group, a pyridyl group, a pyrrolidonyl group, an -Si(OR<sup>1</sup>)<sub>3</sub> group ( $\text{R}^1$  represents hydrogen atom, or an alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms), a halogenated alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms, a halogen group, an -OR<sup>6</sup> group, an -OSO<sub>3</sub>M group (M represents an alkali metal selected from the group consisting of Li, Na ~~or~~ and K), or an -NH-CO- $\text{R}^6$  group. These definitions are similarly applicable below.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0027] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0027] (12) The compound represented by the general formula (1) described in (11)

above is at least one selected from the group consisting of (meth)acrylic acid and its alkyl esters, glycidyl esters, alkali metal salts of (meth)acrylic acid and its halides, and (meth)acrylic acid derivatives containing an -OH group, an alkoxyl group, an amino group ~~or~~ and an isocyanate group.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0055] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0055] The polyethylene usable includes ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene, high-density polyethylene, intermediate-density polyethylene and low-density polyethylene. Among them, the ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene is preferable as the polyethylene. The Mw of the ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene is preferably  $5 \times 10^5$  or more, more preferably  $1 \times 10^6$  to  $15 \times 10^6$ , particularly  $1 \times 10^6$  to  $5 \times 10^6$ . The above-described types of polyethylene may

be copolymers containing small amounts of other  $\alpha$ -olefins. The  $\alpha$ -olefins other than ethylene may be propylene, butene-1, pentene-1, hexene-1, 4-methylpentene-1, octene, vinyl acetate, methyl methacrylate, styrene, etc.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0068] paragraph bridging pages 11/12 with the following amended paragraph:**

[0068] The repeating units of polypropylene can have three configurations, called isotactic, syndiotactic and atactic. Isotactic polypropylene has such a stereochemical structure that asymmetric carbon atoms have the same three-dimensional arrangement along the polypropylene skeleton, namely methyl groups in continuing monomer units are arranged on the same side of a plane passing through the polypropylene skeleton (for instance, all methyl groups are above the plane). Syndiotactic polypropylene has such a stereochemical structure that two monomer units in a mirror-image isomerism relation (racemic diad: asymmetric carbon atoms in two connected monomer units are in staggering positions) are regularly arranged along the polypropylene skeleton (methyl groups in the continuing monomers units in the chain exist alternately on both sides of a hypothetical plane passing through the polypropylene skeleton). Atactic polypropylene has such a stereochemical structure that ~~the configuration of asymmetric carbon atoms is~~ asymmetric carbon atoms are randomly arranged along the polypropylene skeleton.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0069] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0069] A racemic diad fraction [r] is an index of the stereoregularity of polypropylene, specifically representing the syndiotacticity of polypropylene. For instance, when the racemic diad fraction [r] is 1, namely 100%, the polypropylene is totally syndiotactic. The racemic diad

fraction  $[r]$  is obtained from the integrated peak intensity of a stereoregular structure measured by well-known methods, namely  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ .

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0074] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0074] The polypropylene described in (1) above is preferably produced by the polymerization of propylene in a solvent using uniform and/or non-uniform metal complex catalysts, though not restricted. The solvents may be saturated aliphatic hydrocarbons such as propane, butane, pentane, hexane, heptane, etc.; saturated alicyclic hydrocarbons such as cyclopropane, cyclohexane, etc.; aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene, xylene, etc.; tetrahydrofuran (THF), etc. The polymerization of propylene may be conducted in a propylene ~~bulk-liquid~~ or gas phase without using a solvent.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0093] with the following amended paragraph:**

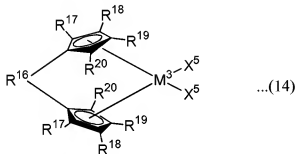
[0093] ~~The specific compounds of the above complexes (ii-1) are~~ The above complexes (ii-1) are specifically  $\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-n-C}_3\text{H}_7)_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-i-C}_3\text{H}_7)_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-n-C}_4\text{H}_9)_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-i-C}_4\text{H}_9)_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-s-C}_4\text{H}_9)_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-t-C}_4\text{H}_9)_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-cycloC}_5\text{H}_9)_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_5\text{H}_{11})_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_5)_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-cycloC}_6\text{H}_{11})_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_{13})_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-i-C}_3\text{H}_7)_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-n-C}_3\text{H}_7)_2\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-n-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-i-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-s-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{I}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_5\text{H}_{11})_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{O-cycloC}_6\text{H}_{11})_2\text{F}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2]_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{n-C}_3\text{H}_7)_2]_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{i-C}_3\text{H}_7)_2]_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{n-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2]_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{i-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2]_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{s-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2]_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{t-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2]_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{cycloC}_5\text{H}_9)_2]_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11})_2]_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2]_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{cycloC}_6\text{H}_{11})_2]_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13})_2]_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2]_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{n-C}_3\text{H}_7)_2]_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{i-C}_3\text{H}_7)_2]_2\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{s-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2]_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{n-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2]_2\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{t-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2]_2\text{I}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11})_2]_2\text{F}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}[\text{N}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11})_2]_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{acetylacetonato})_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{methylbutanedionato})_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{butanedionato})_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{benzoylacetatonato})_2\text{Br}_2$ ,

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Hf(butanedionato)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Hf(benzoylacetonoato)<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>, Hf(benzoyltrifluoroacetonoato)<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>,

Hf(dibenzoylmethanato)<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub>, Hf(furoylacetonato)<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>, Hf(trifluoroacetylacetonato)<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>, Hf(2,4-hexanedionato)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, etc.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0100] with the following amended paragraph:**

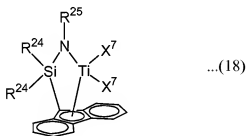
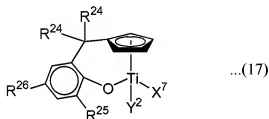
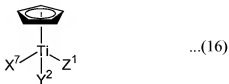
[0100][0001] The one-cross-linked metallocene compounds may be represented, for instance, by the following general formula (14);



wherein M<sup>3</sup> represents any one metal of Ti, Zr ~~or~~ and Hf, R<sup>16</sup> represents a bivalent aromatic group, a bivalent alicyclic hydrocarbon group, a bivalent aliphatic hydrocarbon group, or a bivalent organic group having a hetero-element such as oxygen, nitrogen, silicon, etc., R<sup>17</sup>-R<sup>20</sup> independently represent a hydrogen atom or an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1-8 carbon atoms, at least one of R<sup>17</sup>-R<sup>20</sup> being a hydrogen atom, and X<sup>5</sup> represents a halogen group, an aliphatic hydrocarbon group 1-8 carbon atoms, or an aromatic hydrocarbon group 6-10 carbon atoms.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0107] with the following amended paragraph:**

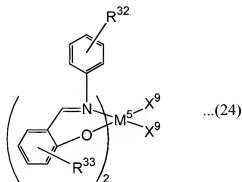
[0107] When the above catalysts (iv) are used, the above compounds (iv-1) may be represented by the following general formulac (16)-(18):



wherein  $X^7$ ,  $Y^2$ ,  $Z^1$  independently represent a halogen group selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br and I, an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1-8 carbon atoms, an alkoxyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms, an aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6-14 carbon atoms, which may have a substituent group, or an alkoxyl group having 6-14 carbon atoms, and  $R^{24}$ - $R^{26}$  independently represent an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1-8 carbon atoms, or an aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6-14 carbon atoms, which may have a substituent group,  $X^7$ ,  $Y^2$ ,  $Z^1$  and  $R^{24}$ - $R^{26}$  may be the same or different.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0117] with the following amended paragraph:**

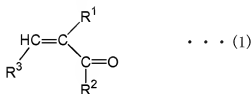
[0117] When the above catalysts (vii) are used, the phenoxyimine complexes of titanium, zirconium, hafnium, etc. may be represented, for instance, by the following general formula (24):



wherein  $M^5$  represents any one metal of Ti, Zr ~~or~~ and Hf,  $R^{32}$  and  $R^{33}$  independently represent an alkyl group having 1-5 carbon atoms, and  $X^9$  represents F, Cl, Br or I. The aluminoxanes may be the same as the above catalysts (ii).

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0133] paragraph bridging pages 29/30 with the following amended paragraph:**

[0133] The polypropylene may be modified by methods described below, to improve adhesion to electrodes. Modifying agents usable are preferably compounds represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein  $R^1$  represents a hydrogen atom, or an alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms;  $R^2$  represents an  $OR^4$  group [ $R^4$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms, which may have a halogen group, an aromatic group which may have an alkyl group, a  $-(CH_2)_a-O-P(O)(OR^1)_2$  group, a  $-(CH_2)_a-O-P(O)(O^-(CH_2)_b-N^+R^3)$  group, wherein  $a$  and  $b$  are respectively integers of 1-5, an alkali metal selected from the group consisting of Li, Na ~~or~~ and K, an alicyclic hydrocarbon group having 5-10 carbon atoms, a glycidyl group, an  $-R^5-COCH=CH_2$  group, wherein  $R^5$  represents an alkylene group having 1-10 carbon atoms or a  $[(CH_2)_q-O]_r-$  group, wherein  $q$  and  $r$  are respectively integers of 1-5, an  $-R^5OR^1$  group, an  $-R^5Si(OR^1)_3$  group, or an  $-R^5-NCO$  group], an  $-NR^1_2$  group,  $-R^5-NR^1_2$  group, or a halogen group



selected from the group consisting of Cl, Br, F and I; and  $R^3$  represents a hydrogen atom, or a -COR<sup>2</sup> group, and compounds represented by the following general formula (2):



wherein  $R^6$  represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms, or a halogen group selected from the group consisting of Cl, Br, F and I;  $R^7$  represents an -Ar-X' group (X' represents an  $R^6$  group, an -OH group, a -COOH group, an -NH<sub>2</sub> group, a -CN group, an -NO<sub>2</sub> group, a halogenated alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms, a -CH=CH<sub>2</sub> group, or an -OCO- $R^6$  group), an -OCO- $R^6$  group, a -CHO group, a -COR<sup>6</sup> group, a -CN group, a pyridyl group, a pyrrolidonyl group, an -Si(OR<sup>1</sup>)<sub>3</sub> group ( $R^1$  represents hydrogen atom, or an alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms), a halogenated alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms, a halogen group, an -OR<sup>6</sup> group, an -OSO<sub>3</sub>M group (M represents an alkali metal selected from the group consisting of Li, Na ~~or~~ and K), or -NH-CO- $R^6$  group.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0135] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0135] Particularly preferable as the compound represented by the general formula (1) is at least one selected from the group consisting of (meth)acrylic acid and its alkyl esters, glycidyl esters, alkali metal salts of (meth)acrylic acid and their halides, and (meth)acrylic acid derivatives containing any one of a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group ~~or~~ and an isocyanate group.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0140] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0140] Although one modifying agent is usually used, two or more modifying agents may be used. When two or more modifying agents are used, they may be mixed before reaction

with polypropylene, but they may be added in ~~many stages such as~~ two or more stages to be reacted with polypropylene.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0147] bridging pages 33/34 with the following amended paragraph:**

[0147] The fluoro-resin is preferably at least one selected from the group consisting of polyvinylidene fluoride, polyvinyl fluoride, vinylidene fluoride copolymers and vinyl fluoride copolymers. The amount of a vinylidene fluoride unit in the vinylidene fluoride copolymers, and the amount of a vinyl fluoride unit in the vinyl fluoride copolymers are respectively preferably 75% by mass or more, more preferably 90% by mass or more. Examples of monomers copolymerized with vinylidene fluoride or vinyl fluoride include hexafluoropropylene, tetrafluoroethylene, trifluoropropylene, ethylene, propylene, isobutylene, styrene, vinyl chloride, vinylidene chloride, difluorochloroethylene, vinyl formate, vinyl acetate, vinyl propionate, vinyl butyrate, acrylic acid and its salts, methyl methacrylate, allyl methacrylate, acrylonitrile, methacrylonitrile, N-butoxymethyl acrylamide, allyl acetate, isopropenyl acetate, etc. Among them, polyvinylidene fluoride and vinylidene fluoride copolymers are preferable. The vinylidene fluoride copolymers are preferably ~~poly(hexafluoropropylene-vinylidene fluoride)~~ hexafluoropropylene-vinylidene fluoride copolymers.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0156] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0156] In the above method (a), the removal of part of the good solvent to increase the concentration of polypropylene in the coating layer causes microphase separation to a polypropylene phase and a good solvent phase, and further removal of the remainder of the good solvent fixes the resultant phase separation, thereby forming fine pores. To obtain a structure in which the polypropylene phase and the good solvent phase are well separated microscopically,

the mixed liquid applied to the microporous polyolefin membrane is preferably air-dried at about room temperature, and then heat-dried.

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0276] bridging pages 51/52 with the following amended paragraph:**

[0276][0002] (8) Racemic dyad fraction [r]: Determined from the integrated value of peak intensity obtained by  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR measurement under the following conditions.

Measuring apparatus: XL-200 NMR with pulse Fourier transformer PFT available from Varian Inc.,

Frequency: 50 MHz,

Temperature: 120°C,

Pulse width:  $8.2 \mu\text{s}/\pi$ ,

Pulse interval: 4 seconds,

Number of integration: 5,000, and

Sample: Prepared by dissolving polypropylene in a mixed ~~solution-solvent~~ of trichlorobenzene and benzene (volume ratio of trichlorobenzene/benzene = 2/1).

**Please replace the paragraph no. [0279-0282] Table 1 with the following amended**

**Table 1:**

[0279][0003] Table 1

| No.                                     | Example 1         | Example 2         | Example 3         | Example 4         |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Microporous Polyolefin Membrane         |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Polyolefin (PO)Composition              |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| UHMWPE                                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Mw                                      | $2.0 \times 10^6$ | $2.0 \times 10^6$ | $2.0 \times 10^6$ | $2.0 \times 10^6$ |
| Content (% by mass)                     | 30                | 30                | 30                | 30                |
| HDPE                                    |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Mw                                      | $3.5 \times 10^5$ | $3.5 \times 10^5$ | $3.5 \times 10^5$ | $3.5 \times 10^5$ |
| Content (% by mass)                     | 70                | 70                | 70                | 70                |
| (Mw/Mn)/Tm (°C)/Tcd (°C) <sup>(1)</sup> | 16.8/135/90       | 16.8/135/90       | 16.8/135/90       | 16.8/135/90       |
| Melt Blend                              |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Membrane-Forming Solvent                | Liquid            | Liquid            | Liquid            | Liquid            |

|   | Paraffin      | Paraffin      | Paraffin      | Paraffin      |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Conc. of PO Composition (% by mass)                       | 30            | 30            | 30            | 30            |
| Membrane-Forming Conditions                               |               |               |               |               |
| Stretching Temperature (°C)                               | 112           | 112           | 112           | 112           |
| Stretching Magnification (MD x TD) <sup>(2)</sup>         | 5 x 5         | 5 x 5         | 5 x 5         | 5 x 5         |
| Heat-Setting Temp. and Time (°C/min.)                     | 125/10        | 125/10        | 125/10        | 125/10        |
| Properties of Microporous Polyolefin Membrane             |               |               |               |               |
| Thickness (μm)  | 23.2          | 23.2          | 23.2          | 23.2          |
| Porosity (%)  | 39.6          | 39.6          | 39.6          | 39.6          |
| Air Permeability (sec/100 cc)                             | 514           | 514           | 514           | 514           |
| Pin Puncture Strength (mN)                                | 6370          | 6370          | 6370          | 6370          |
| Shutdown Temperature (°C)                                 | 135           | 135           | 135           | 135           |
| Meltdown Temperature (°C)                                 | 160           | 160           | 160           | 160           |
| Polypropylene Coating Layer                               |               |               |               |               |
| Polypropylene (PP)  |               |               |               |               |
| Mw  | 68000         | 68000         | 68000         | 10000         |
| Mw/Mn   | 1.5           | 1.5           | 1.5           | 2             |
| Solubility in Toluene <sup>(3)</sup> [g/100g (25°C)]      | ≥15           | ≥15           | ≥15           | ≥15           |
| Racemic Diad Fraction [r]                                 | 0.79          | 0.79          | 0.79          | 0.59          |
| Coating Conditions  |               |               |               |               |
| Coated Surface  | Both Surfaces | Both Surfaces | Both Surfaces | Both Surfaces |
| Conc. of PP solution (% by mass)                          | 2             | 5             | 8             | 2             |
| Coating Layer   |               |               |               |               |
| Coated PP (g/m <sup>2</sup> )                             | 0.78          | 1.68          | 2.25          | 0.96          |
| Uniformity  | Good          | Good          | Good          | Good          |
| Properties of Microporous Composite Membrane              |               |               |               |               |
| Thickness (μm)  | 23.4          | 23.9          | 24.3          | 23.5          |
| Porosity (%)  | 37.4          | 32.6          | 29.8          | 34.5          |
| Air Permeability (sec/100 cc)                             | 765           | 1468          | 1781          | 1092          |
| Pin Puncture Strength (mN)                                | 6517          | 6762          | 7154          | 6566          |
| Shutdown Temperature (°C)                                 | 135           | 135           | 135           | 135           |
| Meltdown Temperature (°C)                                 | 165           | 165           | 165           | 160           |
| High-Temperature Storability of Lithium Secondary Battery |               |               |               |               |
| Capacity Recovery Ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>                | 75            | 80            | >80           | 75            |

[0280] Table 1 (continued)

| No.  | Example 5             | Example 6             | Example 7             | Comp. Ex. 1           |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Microporous Polyolefin Membrane                      |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Polyolefin (PO) Composition                          |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| UHMWPE   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Mw   | 2.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup> | 2.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup> | 2.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup> | 2.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup> |
| Content (% by mass)                                  | 30                    | 30                    | 30                    | 30                    |
| HDPE   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Mw   | 3.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> | 3.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> | 3.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> | 3.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> |
| Content (% by mass)                                  | 70                    | 70                    | 70                    | 70                    |
| (Mw/Mn)/Tm (°C)/Tcd (°C) <sup>(1)</sup>              | 16.8/135/90           | 16.8/135/90           | 16.8/135/90           | 16.8/135/90           |
| Melt Blend   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Membrane-Forming Solvent                             | Liquid Paraffin       | Liquid Paraffin       | Liquid Paraffin       | Liquid Paraffin       |
| Conc. of PO Composition (% by mass)                  | 30                    | 30                    | 30                    | 30                    |
| Membrane-Forming Conditions                          |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Stretching Temperature (°C)                          | 112                   | 112                   | 112                   | 112                   |
| Stretching Magnification (MD x TD) <sup>(2)</sup>    | 5 x 5                 | 5 x 5                 | 5 x 5                 | 5 x 5                 |
| Heat-Setting Temp. and Time (°C/min.)                | 125/10                | 125/10                | 125/10                | 125/10                |
| Properties of Microporous Polyolefin Membrane        |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Thickness (μm)                                       | 23.2                  | 23.2                  | 23.2                  | 23.2                  |
| Porosity (%)   | 39.6                  | 39.6                  | 39.6                  | 39.6                  |
| Air Permeability (sec/100 cc)                        | 514                   | 514                   | 514                   | 514                   |
| Pin Puncture Strength (mN)                           | 6370                  | 6370                  | 6370                  | 6370                  |
| Shutdown Temperature (°C)                            | 135                   | 135                   | 135                   | 135                   |
| Meltdown Temperature (°C)                            | 160                   | 160                   | 160                   | 160                   |
| Polypropylene Coating Layer                          |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Polypropylene (PP)                                   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Mw   | 260000                | 51000                 | 68000                 | -                     |
| Mw/Mn  | 1.1                   | 2.0                   | 1.5                   | -                     |
| Solubility in Toluene <sup>(3)</sup> [g/100g (25°C)] | ≥15                   | ≥15                   | ≥15                   | -                     |
| Racemic Diad Fraction [r]                            | 0.7                   | 0.17                  | 0.79                  | -                     |
| Coating Conditions                                   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Coated Surface                                       | Both Surfaces         | Both Surfaces         | One Surface           | -                     |
| Conc. of PP solution (% by mass)                     | 5                     | 2                     | 2                     | -                     |
| Coating Layer  |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Coated PP (g/m <sup>2</sup> )                        | 1.21                  | 0.83                  | 0.51                  | -                     |
| Uniformity   | Good                  | Good                  | Good                  | -                     |
| Properties of Microporous Composite Membrane         |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Thickness (μm)                                       | 23.8                  | 23.8                  | 23.5                  | -                     |

|   |      |      |      |    |
|---|------|------|------|----|
| Porosity (%)  | 35.2 | 36.8 | 36.8 | -  |
| Air Permeability (sec/100 cc)                             | 954  | 802  | 746  | -  |
| Pin Puncture Strength (mN)                                | 6566 | 6664 | 6468 | -  |
| Shutdown Temperature (°C)                                 | 135  | 135  | 135  | -  |
| Meltdown Temperature (°C)                                 | 165  | 165  | 165  | -  |
| High-Temperature Storability of Lithium Secondary Battery |      |      |      |    |
| Capacity Recovery Ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>                | 80   | 80   | 75   | 60 |

[0281] Table 1 (continued)

| No.  | Comp. Ex. 2           | Comp. Ex. 3           | Comp. Ex. 4           | Comp. Ex. 5           |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Microporous Polyolefin Membrane                      |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Polyolefin (PO) Composition                          |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| UHMWPE   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Mw   | 2.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup> | 2.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup> | 2.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup> | 2.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup> |
| Content (% by mass)                                  | 30                    | 30                    | 30                    | 30                    |
| HDPE   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Mw   | 3.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> | 3.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> | 3.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> | 3.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> |
| Content (% by mass)                                  | 70                    | 70                    | 70                    | 70                    |
| (Mw/Mn)/Tm (°C)/Tcd (°C) <sup>(1)</sup>              | 16.8/135/90           | 16.8/135/90           | 16.8/135/90           | 16.8/135/90           |
| Melt Blend   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Membrane-Forming Solvent                             | Liquid Paraffin       | Liquid Paraffin       | Liquid Paraffin       | Liquid Paraffin       |
| Conc. of PO Composition (% by mass)                  | 30                    | 30                    | 30                    | 30                    |
| Membrane-Forming Conditions                          |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Stretching Temperature (°C)                          | 112                   | 112                   | 112                   | 112                   |
| Stretching Magnification (MD x TD) <sup>(2)</sup>    | 5 x 5                 | 5 x 5                 | 5 x 5                 | 5 x 5                 |
| Heat-Setting Temp. and Time (°C/min.)                | 125/10                | 125/10                | 125/10                | 125/10                |
| Properties of Microporous Polyolefin Membrane        |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Thickness (μm)                                       | 23.2                  | 23.2                  | 23.2                  | 23.2                  |
| Porosity (%)   | 39.6                  | 39.6                  | 39.6                  | 39.6                  |
| Air Permeability (sec/100 cc)                        | 514                   | 514                   | 514                   | 514                   |
| Pin Puncture Strength (mN)                           | 6370                  | 6370                  | 6370                  | 6370                  |
| Shutdown Temperature (°C)                            | 135                   | 135                   | 135                   | 135                   |
| Meltdown Temperature (°C)                            | 160                   | 160                   | 160                   | 160                   |
| Polypropylene Coating Layer                          |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Polypropylene (PP)                                   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Mw   | 68000                 | 68000                 | 3000                  | 94000                 |
| Mw/Mn  | 1.5                   | 1.5                   | 1.4                   | 1.8                   |
| Solubility in Toluene <sup>(3)</sup> [g/100g (25°C)] | ≥15                   | ≥15                   | ≥15                   | ≤0.1                  |
| Racemic Diad Fraction [r]                            | 0.79                  | 0.79                  | 0.66                  | 0.94                  |
| Coating Conditions                                   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Coated Surface                                       | Both Surfaces         | Both Surfaces         | Both Surfaces         | -                     |
| Conc. of PP solution (% by mass)                     | 0.2                   | 12                    | 2                     | 2 <sup>(5)</sup>      |
| Coating Layer  |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Coated PP (g/m <sup>2</sup> )                        | 0.03                  | 5.81                  | 2.55                  | -                     |
| Uniformity   | Good                  | Poor                  | Good                  | -                     |
| Properties of Microporous Composite Membrane         |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Thickness (μm)                                       | 23.3                  | 28.1                  | 24.6                  | -                     |

|   |      |       |       |   |
|---|------|-------|-------|---|
| Porosity (%)  | 39.5 | 26.5  | 27.2  | - |
| Air Permeability (sec/100 cc)                             | 519  | 21216 | 19456 | - |
| Pin Puncture Strength (mN)                                | 6370 | 7252  | 6468  | - |
| Shutdown Temperature (°C)                                 | 135  | 135   | 135   | - |
| Meltdown Temperature (°C)                                 | 160  | 165   | 160   | - |
| High-Temperature Storability of Lithium Secondary Battery |      |       |       |   |
| Capacity Recovery Ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>                | 60   | 65    | 60    | - |



[0282] Table 1 (continued)

| No.  | Comp. Ex. 6           | Comp. Ex. 7           | Comp. Ex. 8 <sup>(6)</sup> | Comp. Ex. 9 <sup>(7)</sup> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Microporous Polyolefin Membrane                      |                       |                       |                            |                            |
| Polyolefin (PO) Composition                          |                       |                       |                            |                            |
| UHMWPE   |                       |                       |                            |                            |
| Mw   | 2.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup> | 2.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup> | -                          | -                          |
| Content (% by mass)                                  | 30                    | 30                    | -                          | -                          |
| HDPE   |                       |                       |                            |                            |
| Mw   | 3.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> | 3.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> | -                          | -                          |
| Content (% by mass)                                  | 70                    | 70                    | -                          | -                          |
| (Mw/Mn)/Tm (°C)/Tcd (°C) <sup>(1)</sup>              | 16.8/135/90           | 16.8/135/90           | -                          | -                          |
| Melt Blend   |                       |                       |                            |                            |
| Membrane-Forming Solvent                             | Liquid Paraffin       | Liquid Paraffin       | -                          | -                          |
| Conc. of PO Composition (% by mass)                  | 30                    | 30                    | -                          | -                          |
| Membrane-Forming Conditions                          |                       |                       |                            |                            |
| Stretching Temperature (°C)                          | 112                   | 112                   | -                          | -                          |
| Stretching Magnification (MD x TD) <sup>(2)</sup>    | 5 x 5                 | 5 x 5                 | -                          | -                          |
| Heat-Setting Temp. and Time (°C/min.)                | 125/10                | 125/10                | -                          | -                          |
| Properties of Microporous Polyolefin Membrane        |                       |                       |                            |                            |
| Thickness (μm)                                       | 23.2                  | 23.6                  | -                          | -                          |
| Porosity (%)   | 39.6                  | 39.6                  | -                          | -                          |
| Air Permeability (sec/100 cc)                        | 514                   | 514                   | -                          | -                          |
| Pin Puncture Strength (mN)                           | 6370                  | 6370                  | -                          | -                          |
| Shutdown Temperature (°C)                            | 135                   | 135                   | -                          | -                          |
| Meltdown Temperature (°C)                            | 160                   | 160                   | -                          | -                          |
| Polypropylene Coating Layer                          |                       |                       |                            |                            |
| Polypropylene (PP)                                   |                       |                       |                            |                            |
| Molecular Weight (Mw)                                | 142000                | 142000                | -                          | -                          |
| Mw/Mn  | 5.7                   | 5.7                   | -                          | -                          |
| Solubility in Toluene <sup>(3)</sup> [g/100g (25°C)] | ≤0.1                  | ≤0.1                  | -                          | -                          |
| Racemic Diad Fraction [r]                            | 0.01                  | 0.01                  | -                          | -                          |
| Coating Conditions                                   |                       |                       |                            |                            |
| Coated Surface                                       | -                     | Both Surfaces         | -                          | -                          |
| Conc. of PP solution (% by mass)                     | 2 <sup>(5)</sup>      | 2                     | -                          | -                          |
| Coating Layer  |                       |                       |                            |                            |
| Coated PP (g/m <sup>2</sup> )                        | -                     | -                     | -                          | -                          |
| Uniformity   | -                     | -                     | -                          | -                          |
| Properties of Microporous Composite Membrane         |                       |                       |                            |                            |
| Thickness (μm)                                       | -                     | Ruptured              | 25                         | 25                         |
| Porosity (%)   | -                     | -                     | 35                         | 38                         |

|   |   |   |      |      |
|---|---|---|------|------|
| Air Permeability (sec/100 cc)                             | - | - | 700  | 550  |
| Pin Puncture Strength (mN)                                | - | - | 3773 | 4312 |
| Shutdown Temperature (°C)                                 | - | - | 165  | 145  |
| Meltdown Temperature (°C)                                 | - | - | 175  | 175  |
| High-Temperature Storability of Lithium Secondary Battery |   |   |      |      |
| Capacity Recovery Ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>                | - | - | >80  | >80  |